

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Saturday, January 21, 1871, }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; President Don Campbell in the chair.

Roll called; quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Message from the House by Chief Clerk, transmitting House joint resolution No. 4, asking influence of Texas Congressmen for correction of, and increased mail facilities.

Senator Flanagan introduced the following joint resolution:

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That the Adjutant General, Col. Davidson, be and is hereby authorized to procure a suitable building somewhere in this city, for the use of his department, and that the powder and explosive ammunition now in the basement of this building, be removed forthwith, after the adjournment of the Houses.

Read first time.

On motion of Senator Dohoney the rules were suspended and joint resolution was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Rules further suspended, joint resolution read third time and passed.

Senator Fountain introduced a joint resolution authorizing members of the Legislature to withdraw from the office of the Secretary of State, enrolled bills which failed to become laws at the last session of the Legislature.

Joint resolution read first time.

On motion of Senator Dohoney the rules were suspended, joint resolution read second time and passed to engrossment.

Rules further suspended, joint resolution read third time and passed.

By permission Senator Mills presented the following report of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate:

AUSTIN, January 21, 1870.

Hon. J. S. MILLS,

Chairman of Committee on Public Buildings:

SIR: In accordance with your instructions I have examined the rooms in the Capitol building, and I find that they are all occupied.

The Executive office includes two rooms.

The office of the Secretary of State three.

The Attorney General one.

The Adjutant General one.

The Supreme Court is using five rooms.

The President of the Senate has one.

The Speaker of the House has one,

And the only remaining room is used as a committee room by the House.

I have also tried to procure rooms at the Comptroller's and Land offices, but they have none vacant. Finding that I could not secure rooms for committees in the public buildings I have secured the refusal of five suitable rooms on Congress Avenue.

Read, and on motion of Senator Ruby, referred to Committee on Retrenchment and Reform.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Senator Ruby, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, January 21, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, having carefully examined and compared Senate joint resolution No. 1, "Instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to secure the establishment of the port of Sabine Pass a port of entry, and recommending to the honorable Congress of the United States a favorable consideration of the petition of the citizens of South-eastern and Northeastern Texas in relation to this subject now in the hands of their Representative, G. W. Whitmore, for presentation to the honorable Congress of the United States of America," find the same to be correctly engrossed.

G. T. RUBY,
P. W. HALL,
E. L. DOHONEY.

Report read and received.

Senator Saylor, Chairman of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 20, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee upon Retrenchment and Reform, to whom was referred the apportionment of clerks to the several com-

mittees, would respectfully beg leave to submit, as their report, the following resolution, and recommend its passage :

Sec. 1. *Resolved*, That the following named committees be authorized to employ clerks, viz :

The Committee upon Internal Improvements, one clerk ;

The Committee upon Finance, one clerk ;

The Committee upon Printing, one clerk ;

The Judiciary Committee, one clerk ;

The Committee upon Indian Affairs, one clerk ;

The Committees upon Education, Agricultural Affairs, Claims and Accounts, and Militia, one clerk.

Sec. 2. That said clerks be not employed until there is actual work before the respective committees requiring their services.

Sec. 3. That said clerks shall be respectively discharged by the chairman of the several committees as soon as their services can possibly be dispensed with.

Very respectfully,

W. A. SAYLOR.

Chairman.

Report read and received.

On motion of Senator Mills the report was adopted.

BILLS.

By Senator Ruby: a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Galveston Seamen's Home."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Pridgen: a bill to be entitled "An act defining the rights of holders of any land certificates issued to the San Antonio and Mexican Gulf Railroad Company."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Campbell: "An act to incorporate the Citizens Savings' Bank of Jefferson.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Evans: "An act to incorporate the Bank of Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

Senator Ruby moved a suspension of the rules to take from file House joint resolution No. 1, "Providing for the election of United States Senator on the second Tuesday after the organization of this Legislature.

Yeas and nays called for, and rules suspended by the following vote:

Yeas—Baker, Bell, Clark, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hilde-

brandt, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor, Tendick—17.

Nays—Mr. President, Cole, Dillard, Evans, Flanagan, Latimer, Pickett—7.

Senator Flanagan moved a call of the Senate.

Call sustained.

Absent—Bowers, Broughton, Douglas.

On motion of Senator Pyle, Senator Douglas was excused.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, the call was suspended.

Joint resolution read first time.

Senator Pickett moved that the resolution be referred to a select committee of three, with instructions to report Monday morning, which was lost by the following vote :

Yeas—Bell, Broughton, Cole, Dillard, Dohoney, Evans, Flanagan, Latimer, Pridgen, Shannon—10.

Nays—Mr. President, Baker, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hildebrandt, Parsons, Pettit, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor, Tendick—13.

Senator Pyle moved to adjourn.

Lost.

By leave, Senator Dohoney introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of Lynn Bobo, deceased.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

Senator Flanagan moved to adjourn.

Lost.

Senator Ruby offered the following :

Resolved, That C. C. Allen be allowed per diem pay from the first of this session.

Adopted.

On motion of Senator Gaines, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock, A. M., Monday.
